Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

1   Claim 15 (new): A method for distributing software
2   components, the method comprising the steps of:
3   deriving a first software component identifier from a
4   software component;
5   creating integrity test data by performing, on the
6   software component, an integrity test relating to at least
7   one of the quality and the functionality of the software
8   component;
9   creating, by an integrity certificate originator and
10   using the first software component identifier, an integrity
11   certificate having the integrity test data;
12   retrieving the software component through a client
13   computer;
14   deriving, by the client computer, a second software
15   component identifier from the software component;
16   retrieving the integrity certificate by the client
17   computer and using the second software component identifier;
18   and
19   disclosing the integrity test data to a user by the
20   client computer.

1   Claim 16 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further
2   comprising the step of registering, in a certificate

3   register, the integrity certificate of the software

4   component using the first software component identifier.

1   Claim 17 (new): The method recited in claim 16 wherein the

2   integrity certificate retrieving step comprises the step of

3   accessing of the certificate register.

1   Claim 18 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further

2   comprising the step of verifying an identity of the

3   integrity certificate originator.

1   Claim 19 (new): The method recited in claim 18 further

2   comprising the step of adding a digital signature to the

3   integrity certificate.

1   Claim 20 (new): The method recited in claim 19 further

2   comprising the step of verifying the digital signature.

1   Claim 21 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further

2   comprising the step of matching the integrity test data to a

3   user's preferred requirements.

1   Claim 22 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further

2   comprising the step of retrieving the integrity certificate

3   from the client computer.

1   Claim 23 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further

2   comprising the step of retrieving the integrity certificate

3   from a computer associated with a supplier of the software

4   component.

1   Claim 24 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further
2   comprising the step of retrieving the integrity certificate
3   from a computer associated with a trusted certificate
4   originator.

1   Claim 25 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further
2   comprising the step of mailing the integrity certificate,
3   through email, to the client computer.

1   Claim 26 (new): The method recited in claim 15 further
2   comprising the step of determining the integrity test data
3   using common criteria (CC).

1   Claim 27 (new): The method recited in claim 15 wherein the
2   integrity test data comprises a rating of the quality of the
3   software component with respect to at least one of
4   robustness, reliability, soundness and completeness.

1   Claim 28 (new): A server arranged for:
2   deriving a software component identifier from a
3   software component;
4   creating integrity test data by performing an integrity
5   test relating to at least one of the quality and
6   functionality of the software component;
7   creating, by a certificate originator, an integrity
8   certificate having the integrity test data;
9   labeling, by the integrity certificate originator, the
10   integrity certificate with the software component
11   identifier;
12   allowing retrieval of the software component by a
13   client computer; and

14   allowing retrieval of the integrity certificate by the

15   client computer using the software component identifier.

1   Claim 29 (new): A client computer arranged for:

2   retrieving a software component from a server;

3   deriving a software component identifier from the

4   software component;

5   retrieving, using the software component identifier, an

6   integrity certificate having integrity test data, the test

7   data relating to at least one of the quality and

8   functionality of the software component; and

9   disclosing the integrity test data to a user.

1   Claim 30 (new): A computer readable medium having computer

2   executable instructions stored therein for instruction by a

3   client computer which, when executed, cause the client

4   computer to perform the steps of:

5   retrieving a software component from a server;

6   deriving a software component identifier from the

7   software component;

8   retrieving, using the software component identifier, an

9   integrity certificate having integrity test data, the test

10   data relating to at least one of the quality and

11   functionality of the software component; and

12   disclosing the integrity test data to a user.